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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents, other than U.S. patent document, are enclosed.

Japan 11-162859, Japan 54-153784, Japan 49-11467, and U.S. Publication No. 2001/0051387, now U.S. Patent No. 6,429,035, were cited in the International Search Report and/or Written Opinion which issued in the corresponding international application. A copy of the International Search Report and a copy of the Written Opinion are enclosed.

The following documents are discussed at the following pages of the specification:

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English-language abstracts for Japan 11-262859, Japan 61-261292, Japan 3-256324, and Japan 5-82458 are enclosed.

According to a commercial database, U.S. Patent No. 6,429,035 is in the same patent family as Japan 11-162859.

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